

"Elopora," could have looked or smelt a few years hence, he might have called "our town" "Elopora" (Wahy, Eloka-beautiful). Thanks to the Padas expedition and various other expensive feats worthy of a better cause, no public works worthy of the name have been undertaken. If we had the place reclaimed, the garbage and filth (so dear to Celestials) make our "Eloka," beautiful city, so "high" that I could guarantee to kill off the whole of our Sanitary Board at one low tide.

It is thought that the Hongkong Syndicate is to undertake to reclaim our forebore, failing which (if these times of scarcity of dollars) Rimmel, the famous London scent manufacturer, might be induced to set up a branch establishment.

Coal within three hundred yards from deep water in Sandakan Bay is more than likely to be found in three or four months. Mr. T. Morgan, the miner who lately arrived for the East Borneo Coal Syndicate (in which Mr. Alfred Holt, The China-Rubber Co., and several Hongkong firms are interested) having expressed an opinion that the two large seams of shale found in the surface are almost certain of turning into coal a little deeper down.

KOREA.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

Soul, 17th December, 1889.
Subjoined is a letter sent by Mrs. Hattie G. Heron to the New York Sun. It is fairly certain that Hattie submitted this letter to her husband, the doctor, prior to despatching it to the public press. It is equally certain that the doctor approved of every word contained therein. For this reason, then, I take upon myself the task of correcting several slips of the pen (to put it mildly), &c., &c.

To the Editor of the Sun—Sir: The Sun of July 24 has just reached the "Land of the Morning Calm," bringing with it the startling information that I—Mrs. Hattie G. Heron, wife of Dr. Heron of Tennessee—am under "sentence of death by the King of Korea for preaching the doctrines of Christianity." This report seems very strange to us, as only three days ago Dr. Heron and I received an invitation to attend a banquet at the palace, and we have every assurance of the King's kind feelings towards us. So I hasten to correct the report, and vindicate the good King of Korea, who is a man of great strength of character, kindness of heart, and noble ambitions. Moreover, this King and Queen have been most cordial and generous in their personal treatment of Dr. Heron and myself.

The Knoxville Journal is right in saying that Dr. Heron is physician to the King, and it romances a little when it tells that he is "consulting physician to the Emperor of China," although he has the honor of looking after the health of his Imperial Chinese Majesty's Minister to Korea. He has also had charge of the Royal Korean Hospital since Dr. Allen's return to America about two years ago.

He has performed all kinds of operations, and with his own hands treated about 30,000 sick Koreans, which, if the estimate of population is correct, is one man out of every five hundred in all the land.

The King has shown his kind appreciation of Dr. Heron's success by twice conferring Korean rank upon him, the last time giving him the second rank in the kingdom; and when he wears the two gold buttons which are the insignia of his rank they insure to him perfect safety and many honors throughout all the country. A short time ago when Dr. Heron needed a suitable horse the King told him to go to the royal stables and select the one best suited to his purpose, and now Dr. Heron is riding one of the finest Korean horses I have ever seen, thanks to the King of Korea.

It would be useless for me to try to enumerate all the kind attentions shown to us by both the King and Queen. When I went alone to see her Majesty last fall, she gave me with her own hands some beautiful jewels, which she wished me to wear as a reminder of her appreciation of some little delicacies I had made for her during her illness.

The Queen is very bright and intelligent. She speaks and reads Chinese as well as Korean (the native tongue), and impresses one as being a sincere, strong character. We encounter with all her people in the opinion that she is kindness and mercy personified.

Why should any one misrepresent this good King and Queen in such a horrible way?

The report must, in some mysterious way, have grown out of the late experience of the missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Underwood, who while on a journey in the north of Korea were mobbed and came near losing their lives. We suppose, however, that this could not have been caused by their teaching or preaching Christianity, for they were only allowed to go into the interior under solemn promise to the Korean Government, through the United States Minister, Mr. Dinwiddie, that they would not teach or preach Christianity. And here I wish positively to state that Dr. Heron and I are not now preaching or teaching Christianity, except by an example which we earnestly pray may be worthy of the name Christian. The laws of the land forbid it, and through the United States Minister about a year ago the American missionaries were absolutely forbidden to teach religion; but we longed for the time when our treaty should be revised and freedom of religion allowed. Until that time we are doing all in our power to gain the confidence and respect of the people. With what success you may judge from my letter, when I remind you that for ages this land, its people, and its customs were a closely sealed book which no man might open; for on the various roads leading to its chief cities were placed large stones, having inscribed on them "Death to all intruders." It was not until 1882 or 1883 that these stones were removed, and under these circumstances it is not to be wondered at that Korea was a land to which neither travellers nor sightseers bent their steps.

One adventurous man, lured, it is said, by his desire to obtain a golden coffin in which an ancient king was supposed to have been buried, had visited the land, but his experience was not such as to tempt other adventurers. An American vessel, years ago, was wrecked on one of her rivers, but none of her crew escaped it being left at the hands of the natives. It was then left to the discoverers and by merchants, but a few Frenchmen found their way thither and formed the Roman Catholic mission of Korea. After years of successful work there came a dreadful day when all who were known or supposed to be Christians, paid with their lives the forfeit. The old King took off their heads, and only one or two of these ill-fated Frenchmen lived to see again "la belle France."

It remained for our country, in 1882, to first conclude a treaty with this people, who knew so little of the outside world. That was followed by treaties with other nations. Soon there was a slight influx of foreigners.

In 1884 Dr. Heron was appointed as the first Protestant missionary to Korea, but the Board of Missions, not knowing about the advisability of opening a mission in Korea, detained Dr. Heron in America and sent Dr. Allen, a missionary from China, to open the land and open a mission, if it seemed wise to do so. Dr.

Allen had marked success and won much favor. In 1885 Dr. Heron and I arrived in Korea, and, in spite of the kindness of the King and Queen, his place has not been an easy one. I have been told by more than one American guest that he is doing enough work for any three men. The responsibility and anxiety of the work begins to tell upon him, and although he is only 33 years old his hair is fast growing grey, and he is much thinner and more careworn than when he came to Korea, four years ago; but I hope we may both live to visit our own beautiful East Tennessee once more, after serving a term of ten years in this far-away land.

I wish to think most warmly all who have been so kindly interested in my safety; and the promptness with which our dear land came to my rescue is very gratifying. Yours very sincerely,
HATTIE G. HERON.

Soul, Korea, Aug. 31, 1889.
Mrs. Heron has a very neat way of "toting up" her husband's surgery; but her estimate of 15,000,000 of people is somewhat startling. I fancy she would do better next time were she to bring her figures down to concrete thousands, and to avoid any possible approach to a disregard of such small matters of hundreds of thousands and a few millions! Dr. Heron does not, and never will, possess the second rank in the kingdom; but even if he did what would it amount to? The Doctor does not parade about with two gold buttons stuck on his hat or hanging at the ends of his ears, as Hattie would have us believe. He has scarcely been out of Soul since his arrival in Korea.

If the horse which Dr. Heron now rides (a pretty high one I admit) is the best which Hattie ever saw, then horse flesh in America must be poor indeed. A very kind King and Queen to furnish a post-horse, jewels, &c., to the missionaries. Their Majesties ought to chuck a few jewels into the sanctum sanctorum of your correspondent, with a hint asking him to mention Korea favorably in all correspondence. He'd be sure to do it. You bet.

The Queen does not speak Chinese; at least she has never been known to carry on a yarn in that language. I wonder if it was in Chinese that she and Hattie chatted last autumn when the jewels were slung around? I rather fancy Hattie is amongst those addicted to "misrepresent this good King and Queen in such a horrible way."

Why doesn't she say it was Opeit who came after the golden coffin. Opeit the Jew! Opeit the pirate! Opeit the cut-law! Opeit the jilt-bird!

And Japan was the first country to make a treaty with Korea; not America! America was No. 2. If her "dear land" would come to the rescue of those who are really maltreated by this corrupt, impotent Government it would be to some advantage; but apparently a gang of hypocritical, sophisticated missionaries are of more moment to the people of America than the rescue of those who have come out here at the request of the Government, and whose calling is neither forbidden nor sacred. In conclusion let me ask Hattie if she really believes Dr. Allen has met with "marked success?"

A secret society known as the Tong Hak (Doctines of the East) a factor of the Conservative party, concocted a plot to murder the Crown Prince by blowing him up with gunpowder. A eunuch named Yi was a chief in the conspiracy, being hit to carry the powder into the palace. Another eunuch found it out just in time. When the King went out in procession to worship at the tombs of his ancestors, the Crown Prince, it was expected to be assassinated, an act that was expected to throw the city into a terrible state of excitement amidst which the King was also to be dispatched, and the dynasty ended. The plot failed, and Yi and some hundreds of the Tong Hak gentry are now in duance vying awaiting punishment, which will probably be horribly barbarous and brutal. Buried alive, lime, or burnt, or put to death by the "slow process" will doubtless be the sentence issued at the instance of this "good King and Queen," or some of their disabled dummy generals.

Politically I regard the situation as critical. Clouds are gathering in various directions and it is doubtful whether this winter will pass without some serious outbreak, caused by the overaction of bigoted and corrupt Conservatives. The Liberals are ready to fight, but appear to be reluctant to become guilty of causing a breach of the peace.

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Shanghai, 26th December, 1889.

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NOTICE.

MR. ABDULLAH HOY-ALLARUKHIA, being about to leave for Bombay, Mr. REHENTO-ILLABHOY-DATERDINA is duly authorized to sign and conduct the business of our Firm in China. JAFFERHOY-LUDHABHOY-CHUTTOO. Hongkong, 31st December, 1889.

NOTICE.

In connection with our Head-office at Bombay, Messrs. S. N. TALATI & Co., we have this day opened a BRANCH of our Firm in Shanghai, under the name and style of S. N. TALATI & Co.

NOTICE.

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NOTICE.

MOSES SOLOMON SILAS SASSOON. Hongkong, 27th December, 1889.

NOTICE.

THE business hitherto carried on by the Undersigned will from this date be carried on under the style or Firm of M. S. SASSOON & Co.

NOTICE.

MR. DAVID REUBEN SASSOON and Mr. REUBEN MEYER SASSOON have this day been admitted Partners in our Firm in Hongkong.

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DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co. Hongkong, 1st January, 1890.

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MR. JOHN MEIER has been admitted a Partner in our Firm this date.

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MR. JOHN MEIER has been admitted a Partner in our Firm this date.

NOTICE.

MR. EDWARD W. MITCHELL takes charge of our Firm's Business in Hongkong from this date.

NOTICE.

MR. JAMES DUKE MONRO and Mr. ROBERT LYMAN RICHARDSON have been this day admitted Partners in our Firm.

NOTICE.

Our London Business, which has heretofore been carried on in the name of our Senior, Mr. T. W. RICHARDSON, will be continued at 10, Abchurch Lane, under the style of RICHARDSONS.

NOTICE.

MR. OSCAR NOODT has been admitted a Partner in our Firm on the 1st of July last.

NOTICE.

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